

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
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**Title:** *Techniques for making carbon fiber bicycle frames*

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to a non-final office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

**Summary of the prosecution**

The Office action to which Applicant is responding is the first Office action in the third RCE in this application. There is at present a single independent claim in the application, claim 25. The claim, along with claims 26 and 29, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bishop, US 5,019,312, which has been in the prosecution from the beginning, and a new reference, Hwang, US patent 5,368,804 which is cited only for the proposition that bicycles may be made out of carbon fiber tubes. The rejections of the remaining claims depend on the rejection of claim 25. Applicant has once again amended claim 25 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 and has amended the remaining claims to bring them into conformity with claim 25 as amended. Applicant's attorney is further expressly demonstrating the independent patentability of claim 28 over the references.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**